

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

United States of America

v.

Criminal No. 05-cr-266-01-SM

Irene Nutter


**O R D E R**

Defendant, by her counsel, has moved for a determination of mental competency pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 4241. Based upon defense counsel's representations as to defendant's interactions with him, the observations and concerns of U.S. Probation Officer Linehan and the court's own observations, I find reasonable cause to believe that the defendant may presently be suffering from a mental disease or defect that could affect his competency to stand trial. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 4241(b) and 4247(b), the defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General for a period not to exceed thirty days for placement in a suitable facility where an examination of the defendant's mental condition can be conducted. The director of the facility may apply for a reasonable extension as provided by 18 U.S.C. § 4247(b). The examining officials shall prepare a report of their findings pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 4247(b), which report shall be filed with

this court. The Court requests prior notification of the date of the defendant's return to this jurisdiction after the examination so that a prompt competency hearing and detention hearing may be held.

The motion (document no. 21) is granted.

**SO ORDERED.**

  
James R. Muirhead  
United States Magistrate Judge

Date: March 21, 2006

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U.S. Marshal  
U.S. Probation